

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## Justification and Approval

### For

### Other Than Full and Open Competition

1. **Contracting Activity:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Great Lakes Acquisition Center, 5000 West National Avenue, Bldg. 6, Milwaukee, WI 53295. (578-15-1-944-0008).
2. **Nature and/or Description of the Action Being Processed :** Justification and approval for other than full and open competition for the purchase of Thin Prep Pap Tests and associated processing supplies for the Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, Hines, Illinois. Procurement will proceed on a sole source basis with Hologic Limited Partnership.
3. **Description of Supplies/Services Required to Meet the Agency's Needs:** The Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service of Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, in Hines, IL, has a requirement for Thin Prep Pap Tests and associated supplies. The following tests and supplies are required to sample, and preserve for the testing, gynecologic and non-gynecologic specimens:

Item No.	Description	Qty
0234005	REAGENT, FLOW CYTOMETRY, PERSERVCYT, 50 TEST/VIAL, 20 ML SOLUTION IN 50 ML TUBE	40
70137-001	KIT, CYTOLOGY, GYN THIN LAYER SYSTEM, WITH FILTERS/SLIDES/VIALS/ COLLECTION DEVICES, 500 TEST/KT	4
70205-001	FILTER, CYTOLOGY, TUBE, FOR USE WITH THIN PREP IMAGING SYSTEM, NON-GYNECOLOGICAL, BLUE	20
0236080	CONTAINER, SPECIMEN, PATHOLOGY, 50 ML, PLASTIC, NON-STERILE, PLASTIC SCREW CAP, CLEAR, WARNING LABEL, WHITE CAP, CYTOLYTE, DISPOSABLE	10
236004	REAGENT, CYTOLOGY, CYTOLYTE, 946 ML, SOLUTION, PRESERVATIVE, BOTTLE	16

Estimated cost: \$37,760.00

Date required by: October 2014

4. **Statutory Authority Permitting Other than Full and Open Competition:**

(X) (1) Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements per FAR 6.302-1;

5. **Demonstration that the Contractor's Unique Qualifications or Nature of the Acquisition Requires the Use of the Authority Cited Above (applicability of authority):** The Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service of Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital, in Hines, IL, has a requirement for Thin Prep Pat Tests and associated processing supplies to sample and preserve gynecologic and non-gynecologic specimens for cytopathological examination. These are the only tests and supplies that are compatible with the testing processor currently in place at the Edward Hines, Jr. VAH. These tests and supplies are only manufactured by Hologic Limited Partnership.
6. **Description of Efforts Made to ensure that offers are solicited from as many potential sources as deemed practicable:** As indicated by the end-user, these tests and supplies are only manufactured by Hologic Limited Partnership.
7. **Determination by the Contracting Officer that the Anticipated Cost to the Government will be Fair and Reasonable:** Procurement for same and similar supplies have been ordered numerous times by the GLAC for the Pathology & Lab Medicine Service of Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, IL. Pricing is equal to or comparable to previous historical procurements.
8. **Description of the Market Research Conducted and the Results, or a Statement of the Reasons Market Research Was Not Conducted:** The Contracting Officer conducted no additional research. The end-users have researched the market and were unable to locate any additional competition for this requirement. Hologic Limited Partnership is the sole manufacturer of these supplies.
9. **Any Other Facts Supporting the Use of Other than Full and Open Competition:** None.
10. **Listing of Sources that Expressed, in Writing, an Interest in the Acquisition:** None.
11. **A Statement of the Actions, if any, the Agency May Take to Remove or Overcome any Barriers to Competition before Making subsequent acquisitions for the supplies or services required:** None.
12. **Requirements Certification:** I certify that the requirement outlined in this justification is a Bona Fide Need of the Department of Veterans Affairs and that the supporting data under my cognizance, which are included in the justification, are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*Donna M. Wray*

June 23, 2014

Donna M. Wray

NAME

DATE

Business Manager, PLMS (578/113)

Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

TITLE

FACILITY

**13. Approvals in accordance with FAR 6.304**

**Contracting Officer's Certification: (required)** I hereby determine that the circumstances of this contract action deem only one source reasonably available.

*Teresa B. Westor*  
Contracting Officer

*9/30/2014*  
Date

I certify the justification meets requirements for other than full and open competition.

*Christine Hansen*  
Christine Hansen

*10/1/14*  
Date

Director of Contracting

Network Contracting Office 12, Great Lakes Acquisition Center